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In re U.S. Patent Application of	)
SEKIGUCHI et al.  Application Number: To Be Assigned	)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE	. )
Attorney Docket No. TSUT.0087	)
Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C., 20231	

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: